

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. 68-13-5 Building Date: 1914  
Building Name: Miozza Shoe Repair Building  
Location: 3813-15 34th Street, Mt. Rainier

Private/Commercial/Occupied/Good/Accessible

Description

3813-3815 34th Street is the middle building in a grouping of three attached shed-roof commercial buildings stepping up the slope of 34th street. It is a two-story, two-bay red brick building with a horizontal parapet and an east (rear) sloping shed roof. The parapet is surmounted by a simple molded wood or metal cornice with end brackets. The first story of the main facade is divided into two storefronts, each with a large plate glass display window resting on a rectangular stone base and a single wood and glass entry door at right. Above each storefront is a recessed transom, the glass panes obscured by brown paint. Separating the facade's first and second stories above the transoms is a facade-wide molded metal cornice. Excepting the modern store display window bases, the obscured transoms and the alteration of the second story window openings, all of the buildings decorative details appear to be original and in good condition.

Significance:

The two-story brick commercial building at 3813-3815 34th Street is significant as an example of early 20th century mixed-use architecture. Although the fenestration has been altered and the shopfronts modernized, the scale, plan and use of the building retain their historic character. It is the center unit of three attached mixed-use buildings that climb up the east side of 34th Street north of Rhode Island Avenue. Each building has added architectural significance as part of this grouping. Constructed by 1914, Lot 21 was apparently conveyed several times prior to being improved. Garnette A. Dungan and her husband James, obtained Lot 21 in January of 1913. Early suburban directories indicate that James Dungan was the local barber. The Dungan's retained ownership until 1917. In 1918 it was sold to William B. Spire who operated a pharmacy there until the mid 1920's when he relocated across the street to the Cameo Theatre Building, of which he was part owner. In 1936 the building was acquired by Umberto Miozza who ran a shoe repair shop and resided in the building through 1973.

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Miozza Shoe Repair Building

and/or common 3813 - 3815 34th Street

## 2. Location

street &amp; number 3813 - 3815 34th Street

☐ not for publication

city, town Mt. Rainier

☐ vicinity of

congressional district

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state Maryland

county

Prince George's

## 3. Classification.

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Vito and Nancy Palumbo

street &amp; number 6403 40th Avenue

telephone no.: (301)864-1633

city, town University Park

state and zip code Maryland 20782

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse

liber 5983

street &amp; number Main Street

folio 971

city, town Upper Marlboro

state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and Districts Plan

date 1981

☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Commission, Rm. 4010, C.A.B.

city, town Upper Marlboro

state Maryland

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☐ good  
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

3813-3815 34th Street is the middle building in a grouping of three attached shed-roof commercial buildings stepping up the slope of 34th street. It is a two-story, two-bay red brick building with a horizontal parapet and an east (rear) sloping shed roof (see Slide #44). The parapet is surmounted by a simple molded wood or metal cornice with end brackets. The first story of the main (west) facade is divided into two storefronts, each with a large plate glass display window resting on a rectangular stone base. Each storefront has a single wood and glass entry door at right. Above each storefront is a recessed transom, the glass panes obscured by brown paint. Separating the facade's first and second stories above the transoms is a facade-wide molded metal cornice.

The building's second story is sheathed with red brick and the two bays are defined by large window openings with shaped brick lintels. Each window opening has been made smaller with infilling of white painted wooden clapboard. Centered in each opening are modern narrow, 2/2 double-hung sash windows.

Excepting the modern store display window bases, the obscured transoms and the alteration of the second story window openings, all of the buildings decorative details appear to be original and in good condition.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Local history
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1914 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The two-story brick commercial building at 3813-3815 34th Street (Block 1, Lot 21, Rhode Island Avenue Addition to Mt. Rainier) is significant as an example of early 20th century mixed-use architecture. Although the building's fenestration has been somewhat altered at the second story and the shopfronts have been modernized, the scale, plan and use of the building retain their historic character. 3813-3815 is the center unit of three attached mixed-use buildings of similar use, scale, date and facade treatment that climb up the east side of 34th Street north of Rhode Island Avenue. Each building has added architectural significance as part of this grouping of these early 20th century commercial buildings.

Assessment records indicate that the building was constructed by 1914, when an improvement valued at \$1,500 is first recorded.<sup>1</sup> Lot 21 was apparently conveyed several times prior to being improved, beginning with its sale in 1908 from James C. and Blanche R. Rogers to Albert Dowling.<sup>2</sup> Garnette A. Dungan and her husband James, obtained Lot 21 in January of 1913. The southern two feet of adjacent Lot 22 was obtained by the Dungans in February of 1914 (see Chain of Title). As the building occupies portions of the consolidated parcel it must have been erected in 1914 by the Dungans. Early suburban directories indicate that James Dungan was the local barber. The Dungan's retained ownership until 1917 (see Chain of Title) when they sold the property to Turner L. Funkhouser, a local contractor and builder. In 1918 Funkhouser sold to William B. Spire who operated a pharmacy there until the mid 1920's when he relocated across the street to the Cameo Theatre Building, of which he was part owner.<sup>3</sup> (See also Cameo Theatre Building 3822 34th Street). After a series of ownerships the building was acquired by Umberto Miozza who ran a shoe repair business and resided in the building through 1973.

## Notes

<sup>1</sup> Prince George's County Assessment Records, 1914, p. 114.

<sup>2</sup> Prince George's County Land Records, 70:305.

<sup>3</sup> Nelson's Suburban Directory, 1916, 1918, 1923, 1927-1928.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Notes # 8

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Washington East

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Howard S. Berger, Consultant

organization Historic Preservation Commission M-NCPPC date March 1988

street & number 14741 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive 4010, C.A.B. telephone 952-4609

city or town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
Shaw House  
21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438

Chain of Title

3813-3815 34th Street

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5988:971 7 Oct. 1984 Deed	Vito Angelo Palumbo, Attilio and Josephine V. Palumbo to Vito Angelo and Nancy Palumbo. Grantors convey Lot 21 and the south 2 feet front to rear of Lot 22 in Block 1, Rhode Island Avenue Addition to Mt. Rainier. Plat recorded JWB5:694 or A:6, Same obtained from Attilio and Josephine V. Palumbo, 1 July 1977, 4866:333.
4866:333 1 July 1977 Deed	Attilio and Josephine V. Palumbo to Attilio and Josephine Palumbo and Vito Angelo Palumbo. Grantors convey Lot 21 and part of Lot 22 in Block 1. Same obtained from Umberto Miozza, 23 January 1973, 4178:914.
4178:914 23 Jan 1973 Deed	Umberto Miozza to Attilio and Josephine V. Palumbo. Grantor conveys Lot 21 and part of Lot 22. Same obtained from Acacia Mutual Life Insurance Company, 29 June 1936, 445:218.
445:218 29 June 1936 Deed	Acacia Mutual Life Insurance Company to Umberto Miozza. Grantor conveys Lot 21 and part of Lot 22 in Block 1. Same obtained from William Montgomery, et al, trustees, 4 January 1934, 402:428.
402:428 4 Jan 1934 Deed	William Montgomery and J. Harry Cunningham, trustees, William Burton and Katherine E. Spire, to Acacia Mutual Life Insurance Company. Grantors convey Lot 21 and part of Lot 22 in Block 1. Same obtained from William Burton and Katherine E. Spire, 29 May 1928, 305:361.
305:361 29 May 1928 Deed	William Burton and Katherine E. Spire to William Montgomery and J. Harry Cunningham, trustees. Grantors convey Lot 21 and part of Lot 22 in Block 1. Same obtained from Turner L. and Lucy E. Funkhouser, 20 June 1918, 156:476.
156:476 20 June 1918 Deed	Turner L. and Lucy E. Funkhouser to William Burton Spire. Grantors convey Lot 21 and part of Lot 22 in Block 1. Same obtained from Garnette A. and James H. Dungan, 25 May 1917, 124:284.
124:284 25 May 1917 Deed	Garnette A. and James H. Dungan to Turner L. and Lucy E. Funkhouser. Grantors convey Lot 21 and part of Lot 22 in Block 1. Grantors convey part of Lot 22 (south 2 feet front to rear, excepting rear 6 feet for use as public alley of 22) obtained from Elizabeth and John F. Dungan, 6 February 1914, 98:210, obtained from W. D. Bigelow, et al, 14 February 1909, 55:357 (all of Lot 22). Grantors convey all of Lot 21 obtained from Charles A. M. Wells, 14 January 1913, 87:167.

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87:167 14 Jan 1913 Deed	Charles A. M. Wells to Garnette A. Dungan. Grantor conveys Lot 21 in Block 1. Same obtained from J. Harris Rogers, et al, 6 January 1913, 87:166.
87:166 6 Jan 1913 Deed	J. Harris Rogers and James C. Rogers, assignees of mortgage to Albert Dowling, 26 September 1908, 46:314 to Charles A. M. Wells. Grantors convey Lot 21 in Block 1. Same obtained from James C. and Blanche R. Rogers, 12 September 1908, 70:305.
70:305 12 Sept 1908 Deed	James C. and Blanche R. Rogers to Albert Dowling. Grantors convey Lot 21 in Block 1. To clear title, this deed is made.

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Mount Rainier Historic Survey Area  
Prince George's County, Maryland  
September 1986  
Not to Scale

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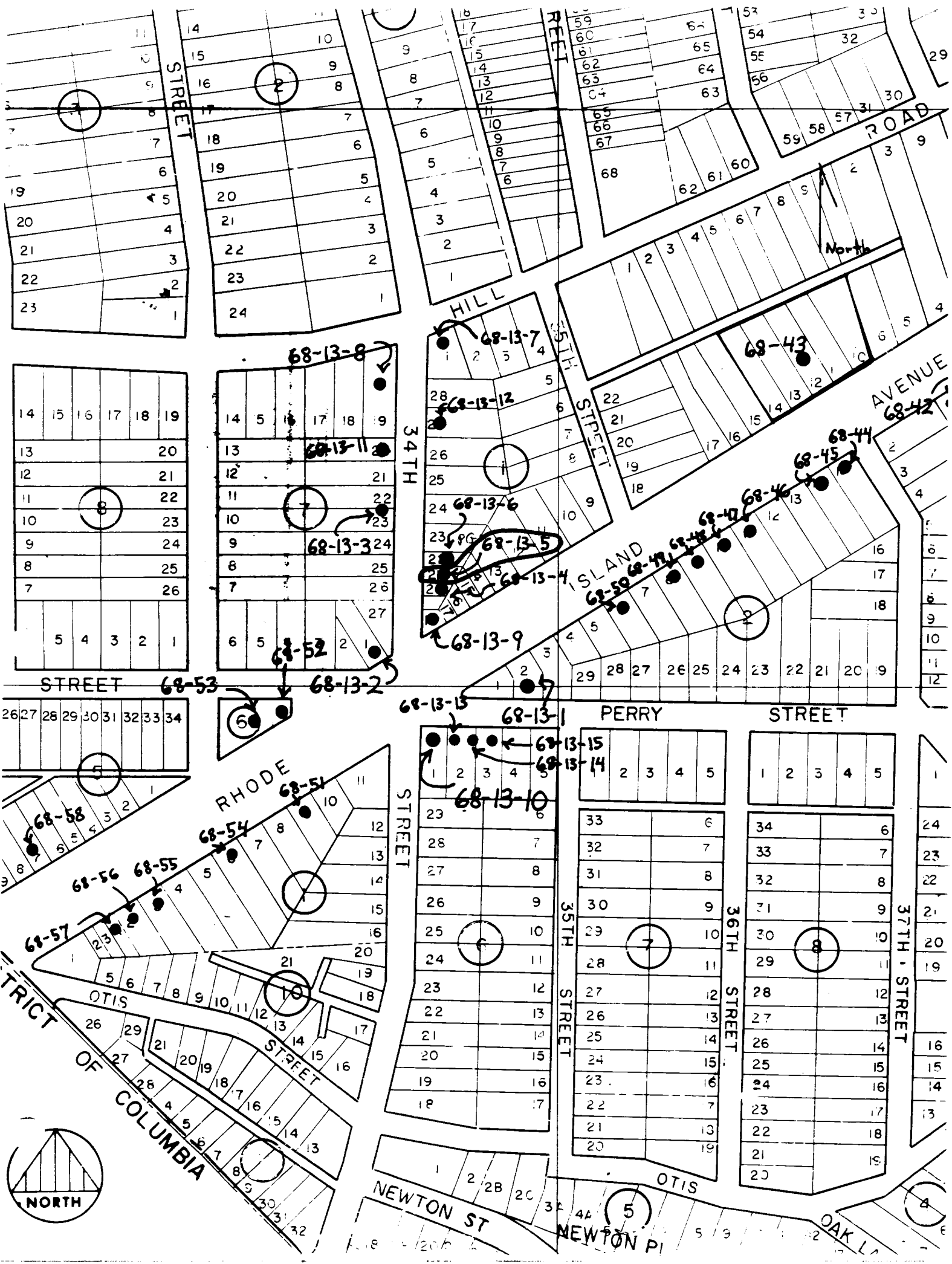
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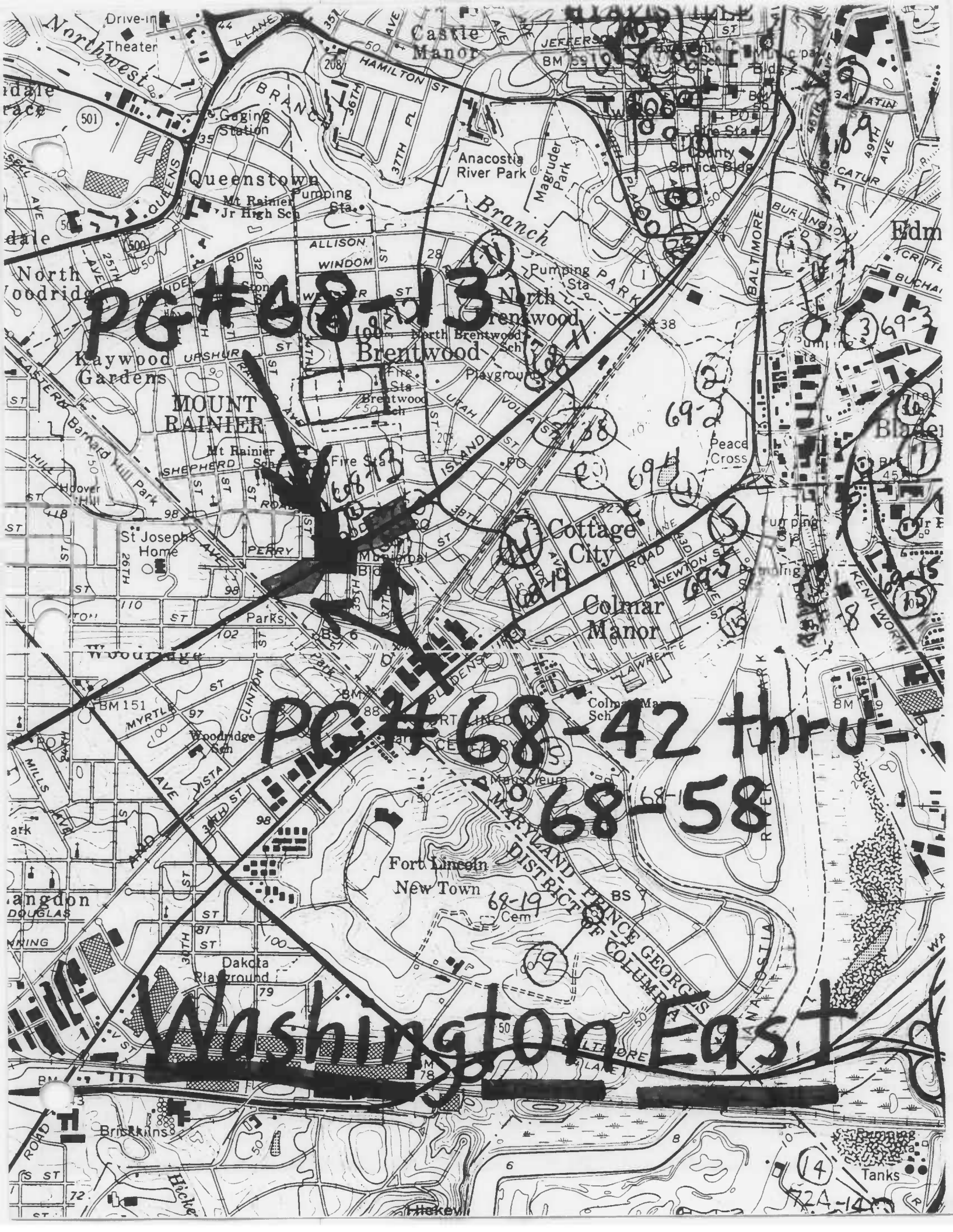
Legend

A - contributing	1-26 - inventory number
E - noncontributing	3801 - address

A - contributing      1-26 - inventory number  
E - noncontributing    3801 - address







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Washington East



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Miozza Shoe Repair

Prince George's County, MD

Marina King

Summer 1986

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